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Old Age.
It is too late! Ah! nothing is too late.
Till the tired heart shall cease to palpitate.
Cato learned Greek at eighty; Sophocles
wrote his grand Oedipus, and Simonides
Bore off the prize of verse from his competitors.
When each had numbered more than four score
years:
And Theophrastus at four score and ten
Had but begun his "Characters of Men."
Chaucer, at Woodstock with the nightingales,
At sixty wrote the "Canterbury Tales."
Goethe, at Weimar, toiling to the last,
Completed "Faust" when eighty years were
past.
What then! Shall we sit idly down and say
The night hath come; it is no longer day?
The night hath not yet come, we are not quite
Cut off from labor by the falling light;
Something remains for us to do or dare
Even the oldest trees some fruit may bear.
For age is opportunity no less
Than youth itself, though in another dress
And as the evening twilight fades away
The sky is filled with stars, invisible by day.
HENRY W. LONGFELLOW.

At the earnest request of a number of our citizens we wish to call the attention of our fellow townsmen to the deplorable need of a city cemetery. We are informed of the noble effort made in this line some years ago when several hundred dollars were raised and a fence placed around the portion of ground selected for this purpose, but time and want of care have almost eradicated this improvement and today this hallowed ground of the "City of the Dead" lies open to the depredation of stock and other destroying agencies. This condition of affairs may not appeal to us so forcibly until the sad hour comes when we must lay some loved one to sleep in his last resting place and then the unfitness, the barrenness, the lack of beauty, the unprotected condition of this little plot of sunlit plain we call "cemetery" will come to us with cruel force and will be loth to leave the sacred remains in such a place; consequently we do, as many before have done, carry them to some other city. This is not what we wish to do by any means. Clayton is our home, our interests are here and here should be the graves of our dead, where loving hands may keep the flowers blooming and the grass green on the mounds that contain their sacred dust. We understand that the land, which belongs to one of our fellow townsmen, can be purchased at a most reasonable consideration at the present time; this may not be the case later as the land increases in value. If the land were purchased by the city, neatly platted, and the lots sold, enough could be realized from these sales to cover all the expense of completing and repairing the fence putting in gravel walks, piping the water out, planting trees and flowers, and making of it a quiet restful, beautiful spot, wherein our dear dead may rest in a peace undisturbed by man or beast. As one lady expressed it: "Surely, with all these boundless acres stretching from horizon to horizon we

can spare one little corner for 'Gods Half Acre,' sacred to the dead." If some one would only start this movement we believe they would find ready support and assistance from every individual in our little town and the surrounding country.

The Tucumcari Times copies the following from the El Fenix: The business people of the town of Clayton seem to have realized the injury to the progress of a town before it is large enough to be able to meet the financial support by itself, and consequently, they have retained Attorney Pace to set aside the incorporation. Mr. Toombs as counsel of the incorporation. Both attorneys of repute have gone to Las Vegas to attend to this matter. We were opposed to the incorporation of the town, not because we are opposed to good government, but because we contended that it was a premature step. We are opposed now because the incorporation was granted without the voice of the people, that is, the people were not given the opportunity to vote for or against it. It was granted through a petition supposed to have been signed by the majority of the town. But upon investigation we find in the records of the county several signatures, who on being asked as to their signature, claim that they have never signed it. Hence we consider it a corporation of the few and not of the many, which should in all matters relating to the commonwealth prevail—Clayton El Fenix.

It looks as though there must have been a few "boosters" there too, who wanted to get a city franchise and when their schemes are accomplished they are ready to dis-incorporate because they know the few town people cannot afford to pay the taxes imposed by incorporation.—Tucumcari Times.

The Tucumcari Times is the only exchange we have noticed that took occasion to copy the above, but it should give space, it and the El Fenix being kept up principally by the patronage of the Clayton Land Office naturally throw in together. It seems, as though the Current newspaper fraternity are ready and willing at all times to defile Clayton and Clayton's citizens, why, we are at a loss to know, after making this their home for several years, they seem to recognize no good in our little village save the Clayton Land Office and no virtue but in Uncle Sams shining gold. The El Fenix has a perfect right to oppose incorporation if it believes that way but we brook no interference from outside parties.

Below we give the petitioners favoring incorporation for Clayton and the reader can see for himself whether or not the commissioners spoke truthfully in saying it was the voice of the people, and further, we will see about the "several" unauthorized names that the El Fenix has found on the petition. Again we will call the attention of the official organ of the United States Land office and Union County to the statute of the Territory regarding the voting for or against incorporation of villages in the Territory of New Mexico. The statute plainly says that the county commissioners after a petition of a majority of the qualified voters of the proposed incorporation boundary shall have been presented, accompanied by a hundred dollars to defray expenses, shall declare said village incorporated. The following are the petitioners:
O P Easterwood W S McNamara

S Bitterman
O J Schneider
D W Snyder
Chas M Fox
Morris Johnson
Chas A Law
Howell Earnest
N E Charlton
W W Chilton
A C Gonzales
J C Martinez
Fred Malm
Lee Weiler
O W Coffee
C D Bowman
E Emmons
F C Grimm
R T Mansker
T S Howell
John Spring
W J Eaton
J J Duran
D B Messenger
E E Sanford
A E Wilt
C M Dean
W J Hopper
John M Earnest
J C Hill
N E Whitworth
Milford King
H J Hilgers
Walter Giles
F P Carnes
Vernon Thornton
J Howell
John F Wolford
Sam Vandervort
J J Brophy.

J W McQueen
Robert H Dean
F M Harrison
F H Clark
Geo M Spurr
J Herzstein
J A Wamsley
W H Brown
R W Isaacs
Alfonzo Padilla
J A Pacheco
C F Wherritt
R E Wherritt
Claude F Daly
U S Hammel
Otto F Menger
Geo Tinsley
R Pierce
W C Porter
H P Moore
John Tinsley
Robt P Ervein
G L Marsh
O T Toombs
E Fawcett
A E Christie
B H Clark
R L Alcarde
H J Hammond
Levi Arington
C W Richmond
A F Nicholson
S M Detamore
L S George
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RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$192,129.27
Overdrafts	339.61
U. S. Bonds	68,400.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,375.93
Cash and Sight Exchange	49,951.82
\$313,499.62	
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$75,000.00
Circulation	50,000.00
Deposits	177,708.38
Other Liabilities—Including Surplus and Profits	10,791.24
\$313,499.62	

The above statement is correct to the best of my knowledge.
N. E. WHITWORTH, Cashier.

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